

Quebec provincial sales tax

Rate

The Quebec provincial sales tax rate is 9,975%, and is also called QST.

Threshold

If sellers carry on <u>commercial activities</u> in Québec and their business exceeds 30,000 CAD, they must register for the QST. If the business income does not exceed 30,000 CAD QST registration is not required.

Also, the sellers must register for the QST if they carry any of the following activities in Québec:

- Sales of tobacco at retail.
- Sales of fuel at retail.
- Sales of alcoholic beverages (unless you hold a reunion permit).
- Sales or leasing of new tires.

– Sales or leasing of new or used road vehicles, other than a road vehicle that is your capital property, for a period of 12 months or more.

It may also be required to register for the Quebec sales tax for make supplies of certain products, regardless of the amount of total taxable supplies and your registration for the GST.

Sales of tax-free products and services

There are some QST exempt supplies of goods and service in Quebec which are include the following:

Sales of most residential complexes that are not new.

The lease of a dwelling for one or more months.

The provision of most health, education, childcare and legal-aid services.

The provision of certain services by public sector bodies (that is, governments and public service bodies).

The provision of most financial services.

Online Marketplaces

Non-resident businesses selling to unregistered Québec customers through online platforms (Includes a website, an electronic portal, a gateway, an online store, a distribution platform and any other similar electronic interface, but excludes electronic interfaces that solely process payments) are obligated to register for the QST under a specified registration system and charge their customers appropriately, even if their business does not have a presence in Québec.

Sales tax payment and filing date

The deadline to file and pay QST is **one month after** the last day of monthly or quarterly reporting period and **three months after** the last day of annual reporting period.

Filing frequency (monthly, quarterly or annual) is shown on confirmation of seller's registration in Quebec.

Penalty and interest

Anyone who neglects to file a QST return is liable to a penalty of 25 CAD per day until the return is filed, to a maximum of 2,500 CAD.

Anyone who neglects to collect a provincial sales tax amount in Quebec is liable to a penalty equal to 15% of the amount in question.

Anyone who neglects to pay or remit an amount within the prescribed time period is liable to a penalty equal to:

- -7% of the amount for the first 7 days late.
- -11% of the amount for the 8th to 14th day the payment is late.
- -15% of the amount as of the 15th day the payment is late.



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